I guess it is a false report about our leaving here to morrow for it dont look so much like it now

Ben

THE UNION—IT MUST BE PRESERVED



TWELFTH NEW-HAMPSHIRE REGIMENT.

Camp — Arlington Hights Oct 7th 1862

Dear May

I did hope we should have a chance to stop here a while. but it is rumeard through the camp that we have got to moove a gane tomorrow we came to this camp yesterdy a distance of three miles. we have a very Plesant Camp here. I dont know where we go from here but som say we are to go to Harpers Ferry. But we cant tell any thing about it. when I get to a stoping place I will write you I shall look strong for a letter to day. for a lot of the Boys got a letter yesterday. How are the children geting along without fa pa. has the baby got well. get. How do you get along all alone. have you got the Potatoes dug

I wish I had a few of them here for I have not had any here in Va. but one that was the day William was here to see me. we went in to an eating house (that is a few boards laid upon a coal stove) and got a Porke Steak and Boild potatoes and a cup of Coffee They did not charge us but 62 cents each for it thats all. We could not live here unles we get sum thing out side of the army. we do not get a quarter part of what belongs to us yet.. we get a little Boild rice or rather half Boild rice and Molases. and sumthing they call coffee. most of the time we have bread and Coffee. Sum times we get sum Boild salt pork and sum time fride salt pork as for fresh Beef we have not had a Pound since we left Concord. The army regulations give us fresh beef 3 times a week our offices are beginning to speak a few about it and I guess we.

live better soon. Well May War is a hard trade I can tell you but it has got to be attended to now at all events At night when when I can to lay down on the Straw at night it makes me think of home. If we go to Harpers Ferry from here we shall have to leave our knapsack behind so I shall have to leave all my Stuff behind and probaly never see it a gain I shall try and carry in Port folio with me we shall not be allowed to carry only our blankets but what we carry in our packets I wish I had had on the pocket in my blouse. to carry my portfolio in. I should be lost entirely without that for I have improve all all the time I have had so far in writing and that has not been much.

How do you get along sleeping alone now a nights. do you miss any thing

I have to work to hard out here ~~to~~
and live too poor to think
much of that.. I have got in to g
good mes here ther is 4 of us in ~~a~~
our tent and all coporuls John P Lane
M.C. Dexter (the man that lives in the
brick house blow us and his wife
had a little Boy baby just the
tim we got to Pheidelphia) Joseph
P. Whittier (a nice fellow a brother to
the man I baught that barril of
cider of. and I want you to get it
back to him if you can let Jonty
Lead cury it to him if he dent
com after it) I sined the allotment
pape alloting you eight dollars
per month. the State treasure will
notify you When you can have it
and you can that it out of any
bank you pleas one at Lacomin
Sanbourton Bridge as at concord

Well good by
Lovy B B Clark